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Building sites

* 674 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government of India have recommended to this Government to bring in a Legislation to control the prices of building sites?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether Government have fixed any economic price per ground for building sites in Madras City?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The contemplated legislation may be on the following lines, i.e., that the amount of compensation to be awarded for land acquired should be taken on the basis of the actual use to which the land was put to at the date of the notification and not on the basis of the suitability or adaptability of the land for any use to which it is put on the date aforesaid.

Bus accident

* 675 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cause of the bus accident on the Cuddalore-Viruthachalam road on the 14th November 1960; and

(*b*) the number of lives lost and the number injured?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The accident was due to collapse of the culvert when the bus passed over it.

(*b*) Three lives were lost and 30 persons were injured.

Metropolitan Board

* 676 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to establish a Metropolitan Board for the City of Madras to tackle the water-supply, sewage, drainage and garbage disposal; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the Corporation of Madras is finding it difficult to cope with the ever-increasing problem of water-supply, drainage, etc.? Is the Government aware of the fact that in the metropolitan cities of Bombay and Calcutta, they have Metropolitan Boards for

Greater Bombay and Calcutta? If so, will the Government reconsider their previous decision and have a metropolitan board for Madras City also?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Merely having a Board will not help the corporation. We will have to find finances for the Board. We are having now the Public Health Board which is looking after this matter.

Sub-Inspectors (Transfer)

* 677 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of Sub-Inspectors transferred to this State from the former Travancore-Cochin State and the number removed from service from out of them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Fifteen Sub-Inspectors were transferred to this State from the former Travancore-Cochin State out of whom one Sub-Inspector was removed from service.

Harijan students

* 678 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijan students (boys and girls) studying in various colleges and polytechnics in the Kanyakumari district to whom scholarships were given in 1959–60; and

(*b*) the number of students who were not given scholarships and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (*a*) Ninety-one students (80 boys and 11 girls) studying in various colleges and polytechnics in Kanyakumari district were granted scholarships during the year 1959–60.

(*b*) Two applicants were not given college scholarships. Of the two applicants one by name M. Thaniel of S.T. Hindu College, Nagercoil, applied for both fresh and renewal scholarships. As his case was a renewal one, his renewal application was considered favourably and the fresh application was rejected.

The application of the other student by name V. S. Arulraj of Scott Christian College, Nagercoil, was rejected as he had failed in his last annual examination.

Free education

* 679 *Q.*—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM: கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) அடுத்த ஆண்டு முதல் ஏழை மாணவர்களுக்கு 10-ம் வகுப்பு வரை இலவசக்கல்வி அளிக்கத் திட்டமிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா? அதன் விவரமென்ன?